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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Sep-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 09/17/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/10/05
Broiler/fryer	172,166	146,434
Light hens	1,055	1,024
Heavy hens	1,563	1,035

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 10-Sep-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	326	0	326
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	289	0	289
Same week yr ago	153	0	153
To-date/2005	9,541	40	9,581
To-date/2004	8,605	90	8,695

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,361	1,042	2,403
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,658	1,338	2,996
Same week yr ago	1,384	1,346	2,730
To-date/2005	63,003	50,977	113,980
To-date/2004	57,527	48,130	105,657

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 10-SEPTEMBER-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	150,712	1,035	1,042	2,077
Avg Wt	5.28	3.30	8.25	5.78
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	150,807	1,369	1,338	2,707
Same wk yr ago	149,574	1,231	1,346	2,577
Avg Wt	5.31	3.43	8.00	5.82
To-date/2005	5,785,780	53,462	50,937	104,399
To-date/2004	5,628,856	48,922	48,040	96,962

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.5 million head or 10.6 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 03-Sep-05

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	22,976	19,022	39,055
Avg Weight	3.80	4.79	6.23
% of total /1	28%	23%	48%
Last week	26,387	23,274	52,273
Avg Weight	3.69	4.73	6.25
% of total /1	26%	23%	51%
Same week, yr ago /2	25,276	22,125	42,204
Avg Weight	3.58	4.79	6.30
% of total /1	28%	25%	47%
To date/2005	967,251	782,652	1,702,726
To date/2004	930,105	757,770	1,586,796

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 10-SEP-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,682	2,439	7	1	4,129
Avg Wt	15.95	36.37	28.02	40.17	28.04
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,908	2,697	43	13	4,661
Same wk yr ago	1,564	2,371	61	9	4,005
Avg Wt	15.87	35.68	23.50	31.53	27.75
To-date/2005	62,678	92,287	841	144	155,950
To-date/2004	62,350	91,519	1,826	275	155,970

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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